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Meritorious Suggestions

1. Reference is made to the Foreign Service Serial No. 888 of 5 August 1948 in which the Department of State circularized a long and detailed instruction to all U. S. Embassies, Legations and Consulates in foreign countries requesting them to acquire photographic material for the Graphics Register of CIA. The results of this instruction are already apparent; a considerable quantity of photographic material has been received and presumably will increase over the years. This has resulted in the improvement and economy of CIA operations in this field and has resulted in a better service to the IAC and participating agencies. As such, it is an improvement in the CIA service and has provided for more economic operation in the public interest.

2. It is felt that the primary credit for enlisting the services of the Department of State in a world wide program for procuring photographs is due to [redacted] of the Photograph Division. It is the result of careful, experienced planning for peace-time collecting of foreign photography on the most economic and efficient basis. The service and economy rendered by another agency to CIA through her efforts would seem to merit wider appreciation than that which has been expressed by me and I would like to suggest that additional acknowledgement and appreciation be granted.

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3. This information is submitted for your consideration.

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